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The Greatest of Blessings

IN the not too distant future the London Temple will be dedicated and opened to worthy members of the Church. The Saints of the British Mission will then have the opportunity to partake of the highest blessings and ordinances of the Gospel of Jesus Christ ever given to mankind since the days of Father Adam.

This event will probably be the most important one since the missionaries 119 years ago brought the message of the Restored Gospel to this goodly land.

There is nothing that comes into the lives of men and women that is greater than the blessings received inside the Temples. Knowledge is increased. Here we come to know God as He really is. Here the story of creation is unfolded for us and the whole plan of life and salvation is made clear beyond that which man has ever known in any former generation. Here the blessings and gifts of the Gospel are made available to those who passed from this earth without having had the opportunity to partake of them in mortal life, that "they might be judged according to men in the flesh but live according to God in the Spirit." If the veil were pushed back and you could know how eagerly they are waiting for their work to be done you could more fully appreciate the importance of the work now under way at Newchapel. Here the sealing of the family unit for the eternities is accomplished by the sealing power of the Holy Priesthood. No higher concept of family life is known to man. In consideration of eternal family relationship in the hereafter, our home life here and now should begin to reflect that glorious state, so that we might say of our families, "Father let this be my blessing in the eternities—to be with them."

The spirit of temple work is one of the greatest examples of faith in action and Christ-like desire that could fill the heart of a human being.

Because this is so, lives are enriched with love, knowledge, reverence and deep spirituality.

With all these superb blessings comes the responsibility that calls forth the best in man; faith, diligence, sacrifice, and singleness of purpose.

Saints of Great Britain gird up your loins in righteousness that you may be worthy to partake of the rich blessings soon to be yours in the House of the Lord . . .

C.G.M.K.

The Importance of Temples

IT should not be surprising that the Latter-day Saints are a temple-building people when one considers that through the various dispensations of time the Lord has directed his chosen people to prepare and designate as sacred places, holy edifices in which ordinances could be administered for the spiritual salvation of the faithful. Even while the children of Israel travelled in the wilderness, they were instructed by the Lord to prepare a tabernacle which was called "the temple of the Lord," in which more special and sacred ordinances for the blessing and benefit of the people were administered.

The temple in Jerusalem was the sacred place in which ordinances uncommon to ordinary places of worship were administered by the priesthood. It will be remembered that when the sacredness of the temple at Jerusalem was forgotten and unobserved, the Saviour drove the money changers out declaring ". . . It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves." (Matt. 21: 13.)

Following the pattern of Biblical times, the Lord again in our day has commanded that the saints of latter-days build temples unto His Name in which His truly authorised servants may perform sacred rites necessary to the salvation and exaltation of His children.

The Latter-day Saints do not build temples merely to be admired

for their architectural and structural beauty, neither are they built as places of ordinary worship. Temples built by the Latter-day Saints are erected and "specially set apart for service regarded as sacred . . . and [are] exclusively devoted to sacred rites and ceremonies" all for the edification and blessing of the faithful sons and daughters of God. Indeed the Latter-day Saints build temples because they have been commanded by the Lord to build them. For more than a hundred years they have carried on a programme of temple-building. Along with the restoration of the gospel in its fullness, ordinances to be performed in these holy sanctuaries were also revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith. The Saints have long been taught the "Celestial inheritance is for those who have accepted the Gospel of Christ and have rendered valiant service in the cause of righteousness; those who have yielded obedience to all the laws and ordinances of the Gospel." (James E. Talmage)

These ordinances must be administered "in a holy place prepared for that purpose." (*History of the Church*, Vol. 6 pp. 318-320.) Without temples, therefore, these higher ordinances could not be given and the blessings would not be forthcoming.

The first temple built by the Saints in this dispensation was erected in Kirtland, Ohio. While

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some of the preparatory ordinances were revealed in that temple, the major portion of temple work was given subsequently in other temples. In the construction of the Kirtland Temple there was no baptismal font, and there were no rooms provided in which marriages and sealings of families might be performed. The Kirtland Temple was more on the order of a meeting place for congregational worship and instructions. When the Saints were commanded to build a temple at Nauvoo, Illinois, the purpose was made plain through revelation. The Saints were to come from afar and to bring their gold and silver and precious stones and choice wood from the trees of the earth, and with iron, copper, brass, zinc and other precious things . . . and build a house unto my name, for the Most High to dwell therein.

“For there is not a place found on earth that he may come to and restore again that which was lost unto you, or which he hath taken away, even the fullness of the priesthood.” (See D. and C. 124: 26-28.)

Without the fullness of the priesthood, there can be no exaltation in the kingdom of God. Exaltation in the kingdom of God is the ultimate, the supreme blessing. (Even though the sisters do not bear the priesthood, they may share with their husbands the fullness of its blessings in the Celestial Kingdom.) The

Prophet Joseph Smith once said: “If a man gets the fullness of the priesthood of God, he has to get it . . . by keeping all the commandments and obeying all the ordinances of the House of the Lord.” (*Teachings of the Prophet Joseph Smith*, Joseph Fielding Smith, p. 308.) For this purpose, holy temples must be built. While it is possible for every person who will qualify himself through obedience to the laws and commandments of God to receive the fullness of the priesthood, it cannot be received except in the temples of the Most High. These sacred places are, therefore, built that there may be a house acceptable to the Lord in which the faithful may receive the higher ordinances and become endowed with powers from on High, that they may hereafter be crowned with honour, glory, immortality, and eternal life. Since temples built by the Latter-day Saints are reserved only for the most faithful members of the Church who have received their recommends as to their worthiness, those who do not enter are inclined to wonder and ask, “what do you do in your temples?”

Three main types of work are done in the temples: baptism for the dead; ordinations to the priesthood; endowments, marriages, and sealings.

It is consistent with reason to believe that there is progression beyond the grave. Jesus preached

to the departed spirits “. . . that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.” (I Peter 4: 6.) If it were not possible for disembodied spirits to have faith and to repent, there would be no need of preaching the gospel to them. Even though they have experienced death in the flesh, they are still individual intelligences, still maintaining the power to accept or to reject that which is presented to them. Naturally, the obstinate and the rebellious and they who will not believe will, of necessity, be left to languish in unbelief. On the other hand, those in the spirit world who hear and receive the glad tidings as they are given to them there, may exercise the right and look forward to the time when they will again receive their bodies, and, by conformity to the gospel of Jesus Christ, live “in a state of never-ending happiness.”

But certain ordinances involving earthly works are indispensable to salvation—both to the living and to the dead. While the living may be baptized by immersion in any suitable place outside of the temple by one having authority and, by the authoritative imposition of hands, receive the Holy Ghost, baptism for the dead can be solemnised only in a temple erected and dedicated for these holy pur-

poses, for the Lord hath so declared. (D. and C. 124: 41-48.) Therefore, in the font of each temple, baptisms for the dead are vicariously performed by authorised servants for thousands and thousands of the departed who have been identified through genealogical research.

It is assumed that all Christians believe the words of Jesus spoken to Nicodemus “. . . Except a man be born of the water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” (John 3: 5.) Jesus made no distinction between the living and the dead. This law applies to both, exception being granted only to children who die in infancy, having no sin to be washed away. For this reason, Latter-day Saints in great numbers work feverishly, expending considerable sums of money in genealogical research with a desire to identify their dead so that the indispensable ordinance of baptism may be administered to them. It is evident that such vicarious work was performed in the early Christian church because of the words of Paul spoken to the Corinthians: “Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?” (1 Cor. 15: 29.) Only the Latter-day Saints know the true meaning of this simple statement, for they

THE ST. GEORGE TEMPLE

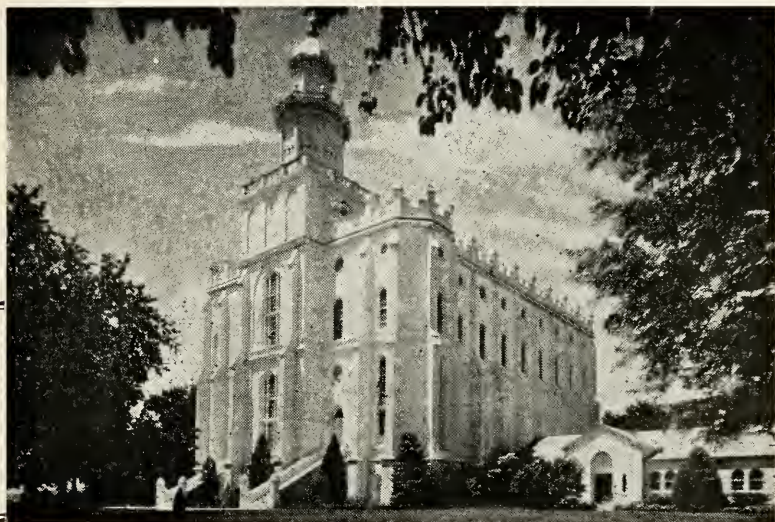
At St. George, Utah, a temple site was dedicated on November 9th, 1871. The beautiful St. George Temple was completed in 1877, and the dedication was held with the forty-seventh annual conference of the Church, April 6th, 1877. The Temple is built of red sandstone, painted white.

realise that baptism is essential for all, the living and the dead, who would have salvation.

The holy endowment, as given in the temples of the Lord, is to provide the ordinances, rites, powers, even a fullness of the priesthood all of which are necessary to attain the highest degree of glory or exaltation in the Celestial kingdom, the greatest of all the gifts of God. A definition given by Brigham Young is easy to understand. "Your endowment is to receive all those ordinances in the House of the Lord which are necessary for you after you have departed this life, to enable you to walk back into the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the key words, the signs and tokens, pertaining to the Holy Priesthood, and gain your exaltation in spite of earth and hell." (Journal of Discourses, Vol. 2 p. 31.) The temple endowment sets forth the conditions on which pro-

gress in the eternal journey of man depends. It includes the making of covenants and agreements between the person participating and the Lord to the affect that the individual will observe the laws of God and thus become experienced, fitted, and perfected to the degree that he may eventually enjoy the blessings of eternal life in the kingdom where God and Christ dwell.

The full measure of progression in eternity is unattainable without a continuation of the family, as such. It is not consistent to believe that He who designed and prepared the programme of life and of the life hereafter, would fail to make it possible for the family to be perpetuated throughout the eternities. The precept taught by Paul (I Cor. 11: 11.) "Neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord" is intended to apply not only to earth life, but also to that state of existence beyond mortality.



Marriage is regarded by the Latter-day Saints to be ordained of God and designed by him to be an *eternal* relationship. We must remember, however, that he is a God of order and of law and that his blessings are obtained only by conformity to the laws and conditions that are prescribed by the giver of such blessings. Therefore, those who are wedded for this life only may expect that their association as husband and wife will end when death separates them, as is stipulated in their marriage agreement, for the Lord has stated through revelation in our day that “. . . all covenants, contracts, bonds, obligations, oaths, vows, performances, connections, associations, or expectations that are not made, and entered into and sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise, of him who is anointed, both as well for time and for all eternity, and that too most holy, by revelation and commandment, . . . are of no efficacy, virtue, or force in and after the resurrection from the dead; for all contracts that are not made unto this end have an end when men are dead.” (D. and C. 132: 7.)

The revelation continues : “Therefore, if a man marry him a wife in the world, and he marry her not by me nor by my word, and he covenant with her so long as he is in the world and she with him, their covenant and marriage are not of force when they are dead, and when they are out of the world; therefore, they are not bound by any law when they are out of the world.” (D. and C. 122 : 15.) However, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints does recognise legal marriage for mortality alone and solemnises such unions ac-

ording to the secular law, between parties who do not enter the temple or who voluntarily choose the lesser and temporal order of matrimony.

Contrasted with this civil marriage for time is a marriage designed by our Heavenly Father for all couples who love each other enough to wish to perpetuate their association as husband and wife and as father and mother beyond the grave. The Lord himself performed the first marriage between Adam and Eve, and it was an eternal marriage because it was sealed by the power of God. Since that time he has extended this power to his ordained servants on the earth so that the descendants of Adam and Eve also might be united eternally in marriage in order that, if they are faithful to the covenants they make, they may come forth in the resurrection as husband and wife and father and mother to their children. In the temples of the Lord husbands and wives are bound together for time and all eternity by the power of the priesthood, the divinely-given right exercised by those who are properly appointed and ordained for this purpose. Thus day after day in the sealing rooms of the temples, couples who have prepared themselves and have become worthy to enter the temple, kneel at the altar where they are sealed or bound in holy matrimony for ever. Parents not previously sealed may bring their children to these rooms that the family may be bound together by the powers of the holy priesthood.

Since all must receive the ordinances prescribed by the Lord to gain salvation and eternal life, and since God is just, this same

power is given to man to exercise in a vicarious way on behalf of those who are dead and who have been identified by their living relatives. Those who knew not the fullness of the gospel in life are, through the mercy and justice of our Father, given the opportunity to accept it in the spirit world and then have the necessary ordinances performed by kind and loving people who yet dwell in the flesh. Through this service of love, properly conducted in an orderly fashion in the temples of the Lord, the prophecy of Malachi is being fulfilled: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

". . . and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Mal. 4: 5-6.)

The prophet Elijah has appeared and has committed the keys to man. The Doctrine and Covenants records this restoration given to the Prophet Joseph Smith in the Kirtland Temple, April 3, 1836, as follows: ". . . for Elijah the prophet, who was taken to heaven without tasting death, stood before us, and said:

"Behold, the time has fully come, which was spoken of by the

mouth of Malachi—testifying that he [Elijah] should be sent, before the great and dreadful day of the Lord come—

"To turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the children to the fathers, lest the whole earth be smitten with a curse—

"Therefore, the keys to this dispensation are committed into your hands; and by this ye may know that the great and dreadful day of the Lord is near, even at the doors." (D. and C. 110: 13-10.)

Thus, we see that temples are intended to benefit not the living alone but also the dead as well. Within them are made possible the salvation and exaltation of both, upon conditions of their faithfulness and conformity to the laws and ordinances of the gospel. Thus the Lord offers us a place in his kingdom where we can be heirs—his sons and daughters possessing and receiving all that is expedient for joy and happiness eternally. The temples are important, therefore, because therein, and therein only can be administered and acquired the necessary higher ordinances to those who seek for a fullness of joy here and hereafter and the association of their companions and children forever more.

"We hope to see the day when we shall have temples built in the various parts of the land where they are needed for the convenience of the people; for we realise that one of the greatest responsibilities that rests upon the people of God today is that their hearts shall be turned unto their fathers, and that they shall do the work that is necessary to be done for them in order that they may be joined together fitly in the bond of the New and Everlasting Covenant from generation to generation. For the Lord has said, through the Prophet, that this is one of the greatest responsibilities devolving upon us in this latter day."

President Joseph Fielding Smith

Temple Work and Its Importance to Us in this

PRESIDENT
WILLIAM L. KILLPACK

*President of the Idaho Falls
Temple*

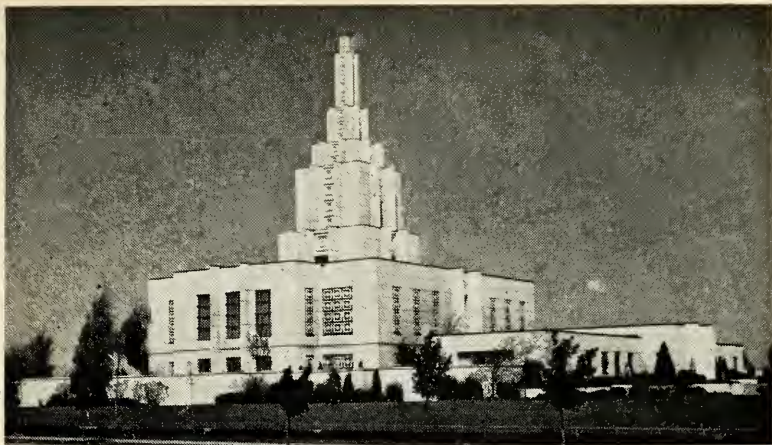
DISPENSATION

FROM time immemorial we read of temples being built wherein certain blessings can be administered to those of our Father's children.

In the dispensation in which we now live Elijah came to the earth for a definite purpose. When the angel Moroni visited Joseph Smith, September 21, 1823, among other things he told the Prophet was the following quotation, "Behold, I will reveal unto you the Priesthood, by the hand of Elijah the Prophet, before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord." "And he shall plant in the hearts of the children the promises made to the fathers, and the hearts of the children shall turn to their fathers. If it were not so, the whole earth would be utterly wasted at his coming". (D. and C. 2.) This reading is much clearer than the translation in Malachi 4: 5-6.

Joseph Smith said of Elijah and his authority, "The spirit, power and calling of Elijah is, that ye have power to hold the keys of the revelation, ordinances, oracles powers and endowments of the fullness of the Melchizedek Priest-

hood and of the Kingdom of God on the earth. And to receive, obtain, and perform all the ordinances belonging to the Kingdom of God, even unto the turning of the hearts of the fathers unto the children and the hearts of the children unto their fathers, even those who are in heaven." (D. and C. 6: 249-250.) Again he said, "What is the office and work of Elijah? It is one of the greatest and most important subjects that God has revealed. He should send Elijah to seal the children to their fathers, and the fathers to the children. Now, was this merely confined to the living to settle difficulties with those on earth? By no means. It was a far greater work. Elijah, what would you do if you were here? Would you confine your work to the living alone? No. I would refer you to the scriptures, where the subject is manifest; that is, without us, they could not be made perfect, nor we without them, the fathers without the children nor the children without the fathers." (Ibid, 251-252.) From the former quotations it is clear that the Prophet Elijah was to come



THE IDAHO FALLS TEMPLE

In the year of 1939 the Idaho Falls Temple was begun, and completed in 1944. On September 23rd, 1945, this beautiful Temple, overlooking the waters of the Snake River, was dedicated.

and restore the sealing power lest the whole earth would be utterly wasted at the coming of the Saviour.

Since the coming of the Prophet Elijah the Prophet Joseph Smith and those men who have succeeded him as President of the Church have been instructed to build temples wherein these sacred ordinances can be performed, where men and women can receive their endowments and be sealed together as husband and wife and their children sealed to them. President Brigham Young says of the endowment, "Your endowment is to receive all those ordinances in the house of the Lord, which are necessary for you, after you have departed this life, to enable you to walk back to the presence of the Father, passing the angels who stand as sentinels, being enabled to give them the key words, the

signs and tokens pertaining to the Holy Priesthood, and gain your exaltation in spite of earth and hell." This definition clearly points out if we expect to obtain the blessing of going back into the presence of our Father in Heaven we have certain obligations to fulfill. Only those who go into the temples, receive their endowments, and are sealed by one having authority can hope to obtain the highest degree of glory in the Celestial Kingdom. Many worthy people who have passed on who would have received the gospel had they been given an opportunity will receive it in the spirit world after the work has been performed in the temples for them by proxy.

To those of us who are still living, I want to quote the words of Alma, "For behold this life is the time for men to prepare to meet God; yea, behold the day of this

life is the day for men to perform their labours. And now, as I said unto you before, as ye have so many witnesses, therefore, I beseech of you that ye do not procrastinate the day of your repentance until the end, for after this day of life, then cometh the night of darkness wherein there can be no labour performed. You cannot say, when ye are brought to that awful crisis, that I will repent, that I will return to God. Nay, we cannot say this, for that same spirit which doth possess your bodies at the time that ye go out of this life, that same spirit will have power to possess your body in that eternal world." (Alma 34: 32-33-34.)

Here is a statement from the Prophet Joseph Smith, "The Saints have not much time to save and redeem their dead. If the whole church should go to with all their might to save their dead, seal their posterity and gather living friends, and spend none of their time in behalf of the world, they would hardly get through before night would come when no man can work". (Church History Vol. 6: 10-33.)

How important it is that temples are erected throughout the world where the saints can receive these marvellous blessings for themselves and likewise be a Saviour on Mount Zion for their loved ones who have gone on.

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the House of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

Psalm 27:4



THE NECESSITY OF A TEMPLE

Elder David K. Hart

"It is absolutely necessary that the Saints should receive the further ordinances of the House of God before this short existence shall come to a close, that they may be prepared and fully able to pass all the sentinels leading into the celestial kingdom and into the presence of God."

THESSE are the words of President Brigham Young, emphasizing the importance of Temples and Temple work. If we go back into the history of the Church, we find that the Latter-day Saints, wherever they located, started to build a Temple. Even in Missouri, where persecution was the worst, a Temple site was chosen, and plans were made to go on with the building. The members of the Church were driven from Missouri by the terrible "extermination" order of Governor Boggs, and were unable to build the Temple there. So they crossed the border into Illinois and

settled in the little frontier town of Commerce. At that time, Commerce was a swampy, ill-favoured place, but through guidance from the Lord, through the Prophet Joseph Smith, the town was turned into the largest and finest city on the American frontier, and aptly named Nauvoo. The beautiful Temple was started while Joseph Smith was still living, and completed after his martyrdom. When the Saints were driven from Nauvoo by crazed mobs, they planned an epic march to the Rocky Mountains, under the astute guidance of Brigham Young, the new Prophet of the Church. Joseph Smith had prophesied many years before that the Mormon people would not stay in Illinois, but that they would be driven and persecuted until finally they would settle in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and there they would become a great nation. Brigham Young had this prophecy in the front of

THE LOGAN TEMPLE

*The site for the temple in Logan, Utah, was dedicated on May 17th, 1877
This stately edifice was dedicated on May 17th, 1884.*

his mind when they started the long westward trek. The trials and adversities that beset these courageous men and women are too numerous to mention, but that they met them with firmness and a singular devotion to their Lord is the fact most worthy of recognition. In July, 1847, they were nearing the goal. Advance parties had spearheaded into the Salt Lake Valley. On July 24th, 1847, the wagons drew to a halt in Emmigration Canyon, and President Brigham Young, so sick he could hardly walk, went to the front of the party, and surveyed the surrounding scene. He saw a valley floor, 4,000 feet above sea-level, surrounded by towering mountains, the mighty Wasatch and Uintah ranges. In the centre of the scene of desolation was a huge salt lake, a dead sea. Just south was a fresh water lake and a river connecting the two, which was inevitably named the River Jordan. There was but one tree in the valley, and the ground was covered with sagebrush. It was a country so barren that not even the Indians would live there. It was as desolate a picture as a man could behold. The staunch President records, however, that "the spirit of Light rested upon me, and hovered over the valley . . .", and he uttered the famous words, "This is the place. Drive on." The people were quite taken back, as they expected a land of milk and honey, but with faith in the Lord, they set to work, colonising perhaps one of the most barren areas in the United States.

On July 28th, 1847, Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, Willard Richards, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff and four others walked to a place between the forks of City Creek. President Young drove

his staff into the ground, designating the place for the Temple. Almost the first thing the Saints did, as they entered the valley, was to locate the site for a Temple. The story of the building of the Salt Lake Temple is a story to stir the hearts of all, as those people built that Temple to last through the Millennium, and they built it in their poverty. And, as the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated in 1890, the prophecy of Micah was fulfilled.

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."
(Micah 4:1-2).

And so it was that the first thought of these people turned to the building of a house for the Lord. Their example shines forth to us today, as a guide, for soon the blessing of a Temple is to come upon this land. We must be prepared ourselves now, for entrance into this Temple. But, even with our personal preparations for entrance, we must also prepare for the erection of the Temple. President J. Reuben Clark made this promise to the members of the Church in California, at the

ground-breaking ceremonies for the Los Angeles Temple:

"And I would like to say this to you people of this area: You will get joy in the Temple and its erection in proportion to the sacrifice which you make in order to secure its building. I do not know what lies behind sacrifice, but I do know that it is one of the great elements which builds spirituality."

This promise will hold true here, as well as there. Even as the early Saints sacrificed for the building of a Temple, so also must we here sacrifice for the erection of our

Temple. Otherwise it will not be as great a blessing to us. Let us put our full and complete support behind this undertaking, and do all in our power to assist in the building of our Temple. If we do, then the rewards that the Lord has given to His faithful servants, will be given here, and the Temple will be a wonderful blessing to this people.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (1 Cor. 2:9).



THE ALBERTA TEMPLE

A site of a Temple was chosen at Cardston, Alberta, Canada, and plans were made for the construction, which began on September 19th, 1915. The Temple was completed and dedicated on August 26th, 1923.

ETERNAL MARRIAGE

Sister Williams is the wife of Elder Robert F. Williams, our Mission Secretary, and is labouring as Mission Recorder.

SISTER ROSEMARY WILLIAMS

IS it a coincidence that there are so many ideally happy Latter-day Saint marriages? No, indeed! I would say it all stems from one big important principle—Marriage in the Temple, for Time and Eternity.

That is the reason our marriage is so happy, and I'd like to tell you how I feel about it.

From our start in the Church, be it at birth or conversion, we learn to love and respect the Lord's Holy Temples. We are the only people on earth who have access to them, hence if we are wise, our preparation for Temple blessings begin early.

My preparation started when my parents taught me Temple marriage was the thing I should plan for all my life. They lived it, and loved it, and wanted their children to be blessed similarly. We stayed close to the Church, and were taught to be loving, chaste, respectful and faithful by our parents and teachers in Primary, Sunday School and M.I.A. An active Latter-day Saint member will have a great capacity for love, haven't you noticed that? We learn to love the Lord, our parents, and the Gospel, and for that we are blessed with good friends, joy in service and true ideals.

When the time comes for marriage, we know what real love is, and what love demands of us. When the right boy or girl comes into our life we can receive them with a pure heart and they receive the same from us. Is there anything in life as perfect and touching as two in love—pledging that love for this life and eternity? Their joy of true love is its growth, and it never stands still, it grows day by day.

After preparing ourselves, we know it is a commandment for the worthy to enter God's Temple and receive the blessings that await us, and our passport to those blessings is obedience. The Lord tells us He will always give us blessings of a spiritual nature ". . . I say unto you

THE HAWAIIAN TEMPLE

The Hawaiian Temple is one of the most beautiful sights in the Hawaiian Islands, and was commenced during the administration of Pres. Joseph Fielding Smith, in 1916. It was dedicated on November 27th, 1919.

that all things unto me are spiritual, and not at any time have I given unto you a law which was temporal. . . ." (D. and C. 29: 34) every blessing the Lord gives us is for our eternal welfare. He wants us on that path which leads to His Kingdom.

Those married by the laws of the land hope that the end of this life will not separate them, but in celestial marriage we have an assurance of our union remaining eternal.

If you love promises as I do, then you know this one will be kept, for it is the Lord's promise. The promise of celestial marriage means you will always be together—you and your children—growing and progressing.

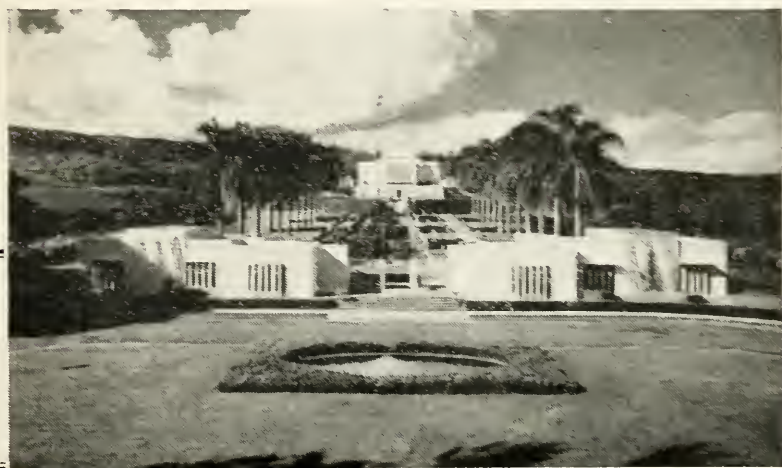
There couldn't possibly be a more beautiful place to be married than in the Temple. The theme is beauty, and it is manifest in every room, because of the love there. The Lord's love for you warms you as you hold your companion's hand and are married by His priesthood, and are joined as one, not for time, or this life, but for all eternity. The beauty and dignity of marriage begins to unfold. Differences and problems take on no proportion: with the Lord as your partner, the three of you can conquer any problem.

The children who come to you, and make your love complete, live under this promise and blessing which is so strong because of its permanency.

I'd like to be able to express adequately how much our Temple marriage means to us, but only my love for my husband expresses it.

This blessing is for you, this divine law of celestial marriage can be your blessing too. The preparation? Living up to God's expectations of His children.

Live the covenants made at Temple marriage and life takes on real meaning and beauty—it is a bit of Heaven on earth, and glory for an eternity.



LONDON

As the work of the London Temple progresses, the *Millennial Star* will publish pictures and progress reports. These two photographs indicate the initial work that has been done in preparing the area for construction. There is a large wicker fence erected all around the building area, and work is going along well. By careful and astute planning, the cost of building has been cut, and it is hoped that the dedication of this Temple will occur at the scheduled time. The Temple here will bring to this land all of the ordinances that good Latter-day Saints may have. By righteous living, and doing as the Lord commands His children, this Temple will be a blessing so great that we cannot comprehend it now. We should be preparing for entrance into the Temple now.

TEMPLE

When President David O. McKay was president of the European Mission, he was asked if the Latter-day Saints here should go to the United States. President McKay's reply was: "No, it is important that the branches be built up, and members should remain and work toward that end. Some day we shall have temples built for them which will be accessible to all, so that the desired temple work can be done without uprooting families from their homelands."

PROGRESS



The New Roadway

Prepared Temple Site



A Family for Eternity

ELDER RICHARD L. EVANS, JNR.

Welsh District

*In the heav'ns are parents single?
No; the thought makes reason
stare!*

*Truth is reason, truth eternal
Tells me I've a mother there.
When I leave this frail existence,
When I lay this mortal by,
Father, Mother, may I meet you
In your royal courts on high?
Then at length, when I've completed
All you sent me forth to do,
With your mutual approbation
Let me come and dwell with you.*

WITH these inspired words, Eliza R. Snow expressed the conviction of the Latter-day Saint people of a glorious and reassuring principle—the indestructibility and the eternity of our family ties.

In the first half of the nineteenth century, the Lord appeared to and spoke to the young man Joseph Smith. Through this “latter-day” prophet, God has once again revealed to the earth all of the original principles and ordinances and authority which Christ had once established, but which mankind over the centuries had, to a large extent, perverted and lost.

And probably there is no other revealed truth which Joseph Smith received that can be a source of greater comfort and peace in this life than this principle of eternal marriage or the “new and everlasting covenant of marriage.”

For the purpose of performing this and other divine ordinances, sacred edifices—the temples—are

built. The Latter-day Saints are known as a temple building people for their zeal and their sacrifices in the past and present in erecting structures for these purposes, and for blessing of the worthy members of the Church. To this end the first “Mormon” temple on British soil is now being constructed.

Every worthy Latter-day Saint couple who conforms to the teachings of the Church has the opportunity to enter into a marriage covenant which is performed in one of the temples and by the authority and power of the Priesthood, which is again upon the earth, and by which they are united together not simply until “death do us part” but for “time and eternity”. Thus they and the children which they will have are “sealed” together in a family unit which will carry over beyond the grave into the world to come, where they will continue to live and to progress in love and association with one another, in a heavenly existence in which family life will play an important part.

For this reason, to the members of the Church, our homes cannot really be separated from our Religion, and this greatly multiplies the meaning of our families to us. Nothing could be of more importance because they are not only the basis of our happiness in this life but also of our glory and exaltation in the life to come.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints stands alone in

teaching and practising the continuation of our family alliances beyond the grave, and yet I wonder how many people in the world today, despite what the different religious sects teach, earnestly think and hope and search for the assurance that the love and relationships which exist between husbands and wives and between parents and children will not be destroyed merely with the passing of this life.

Certainly it would seem strange to think that a just and loving Father in Heaven would want to deprive us then of the very things which are closest and dearest to our hearts now, and which make living so worthwhile. Can anyone who has known the love and the satisfaction of family ties and a happy home think that these bonds were meant to be broken some day permanently, or can he imagine a heaven without those same family ties?

The loud cry of the world today seems to be that of "security"—security from war, financial security, security from want, from accident, security from disease. Can you imagine any greater security that could be offered to a person and to a family than the divine assurance which the Gospel gives to us that, come what may, our lives are purposeful and that our family relationships can be eternal when sealed as such by God given authority? Is there any greater blessing that a family could have? Could there be any stronger foundation of spirituality and promise on which to build a home and an environment for raising children?

Nothing could be a greater incentive to parents to "teach their children to pray and to walk up-

rightly before the Lord," for no couple that has felt the blessings of the Temple in their own lives will fail to do all in their power to teach, to guide, and to prepare their sons and daughters to be worthy also some day of the same blessings. The children in turn will respect those teachings and will "honour their father and their mother." They will feel responsibility toward their Heavenly Father and toward their families and will look forward to the day when they themselves will be able to participate in the ordinances of the Temple.

President David O. McKay in his April General Conference address pleaded for greater happiness and harmony in the homes brought about by "... obedience to the principles of marriage as set for us by revelation to the members of the restored Church of Jesus Christ," and that "... when sealed by the authority of the Holy Priesthood throughout all eternity . . . the marriage ceremony . . . produces happiness and joy unsurpassed by any other experience in the world. 'What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder'."

May God bless us as members of the Church here in the British Isles that we can realise and appreciate more so every day the great blessings and the happiness, the opportunities and the responsibilities that the restored Gospel brings to us, that we can have the faith and the strength to keep ourselves pure and undefiled, to obey the commandments, and to live the kind of lives whereby we can show to our Father in Heaven our worthiness to participate in the sacred ordinances and blessings of the Temples of God.

TUNING IN WITH THE INFINITE

Elder Louis S. Leatham

Riverside Stake, Salt Lake City, Utah

BY the flip of a switch, many of us today may see and listen to television or radio programmes—some of high quality.

But unless the switch is turned and the proper station tuned in, we do not get the programme we may want.

How similar it is being tuned in with the infinite!

A striking example is given in the Book of Mormon (III Nephi 11: 3-6.) The people on the American continent at that time, called the Nephites, had just witnessed awesome signs and destruction as predicted to come at the time of the crucifixion of the Saviour. A great multitude were gathered around the Nephite Temple in the land called Bountiful.

While there together they heard a voice “as if it came out of heaven.” These Nephite people did not understand the voice. We are told that it was not a harsh voice. Neither was it loud, but notwithstanding it was a small voice it “did pierce them that heard it to the centre”, yes, it “pierced them to the very soul and caused their hearts to burn.”

They heard the voice a second time but understood it not.

And again the third time they heard this small piercing voice. This time, however, they understood it for they apparently had TUNED IN. They had opened their ears to hear it. They had concentrated. They had figured it out in their minds. Their eyes were towards the sound of this voice. They were looking steadfastly toward heaven. Yes, this time they really understood the voice and heard it say unto them—“Behold my Beloved Son in whom I have glorified my name—hear ye him.” They had heard the sublime voice of our Heavenly Father. Before their very eyes they then saw a man in white robe descending out of heaven. They thought at first it was an angel. But it was the Saviour of Mankind, the Risen Lord!

Stretching forth his hand he declared unto them: “Behold, I am Jesus Christ whom the prophets testified shall come into the world . . .”

This great manifestation given to these Nephite people was now understood, because their spirits were in tune with the Infinite.

We, as Latter-day Saints at all times should keep in tune with the Church Authorities and with heaven—through our thoughts, our desires, our actions and our prayers. If we do this the gift of the Holy Ghost will in reality be ours and the Holy Ghost who is a revelator will be our shield and our buckler. He will, by a still, small voice, keep us informed of impending personal dangers or prompt us in our thoughts and actions when we are in tune. We will be helped to surmount mountains of difficulty and enabled to keep ourselves clean and unspotted from the sins of the world if we get and keep in tune with God's Holy Spirit!

A SWISS VISIT

SISTER PAMELA JOHNSON

Editorial Assistant *Millennial Star*

WHILST visiting in the West German Mission recently I had the blessing of being able to join the Wiesbaden Saints on their Swiss Temple Excursion. What a wonderful spirit there was on that long journey through Germany to Berne. If you can remember the happiness you had at, say, last year's Branch outing, or when you hired a bus and all went to hear the Tabernacle Choir, then you will have some idea of the way we felt on the way to the Temple. To be going to the Temple was reason

enough for joy, but through going together with well-loved brethren and sisters increased the joy ten-fold.

The time will shortly be here when we in the British Mission will be planning similar excursions, and there are going to be some who will be unable to join with the rest of the Branch because they have failed to honour their baptismal covenants and have not lived worthily enough to enter the House of the Lord. Others, having gone once and realising fully the joy and bles-



THE MANTI TEMPLE

A site was dedicated for a Temple in Manti, Utah, on April 25th, 1877, and the finished structure was dedicated upon May 21st, 1888. The Temple is built of cream-coloured oolite, and was erected upon a bleak, rocky hill. By hard work, and continued patience, members of the Church have made it a beautiful spot.

sings they can receive, will gain the remorseful knowledge that they have neglected to seek out their genealogical records and are therefore unable to go again for their ancestors.

These dear people, our forefathers, are eagerly awaiting the day when we will keep the promises we made to them centuries ago in the Pre-Existence when we made our solemn covenants to do the work they would be unable to do themselves.

At the dedication of the Salt Lake Temple, Brigham Young said: "This morning we have assembled on one of the most solemn, interesting, joyful and glorious occasions that ever have transpired among the children of men, while the earth continues in its present organisation, and is occupied for its present purposes. And I congratulate my brethren and sisters that it is our unspeakable privilege to stand here this day, and minister before the Lord on an occasion which has caused the tongues and pens of Prophets to speak and write for many scores of centuries which are past."

Soon our dear President McKay will be here speaking similar words as he stands beneath English skies in the beautiful Newchapel countryside.

Whilst staying in Switzerland I did some sight-seeing in the Jura

Mountains and on the way back to Zollikofen, the suburb of Berne where the Temple is situated, I became rather anxious in case I missed my station as the train seemed to take much longer over the return journey. Then I remembered the golden spire of the Temple, a wonderful landmark visible for some distance. So instead of looking at railway stations in an attempt to recognise them, I looked for the Temple spire. Sure enough, there it was, shining like a beacon. To me it was as the beam from a lighthouse, it told me that I was on the right track. I alighted from the train and set my face towards the spire, it guided me safely and surely, and soon I was in the Temple grounds and offering a prayer of gratitude to my Heavenly Father for a safely accomplished journey.

Since then I have often thought of that experience, but now I think of the British Temple and its spire as a beacon for us. If we keep our minds fixed on the Temple and all it represents we will be guided towards it. If our footsteps are uncertain we have only to think of that spire and with a prayer in our hearts we will be guided along the paths of righteousness which lead to our Father's House as I was guided to the right road on a rainy Saturday in Switzerland.

THE ARIZONA TEMPLE

Work was begun on a Temple in Mesa, Arizona, on November 23rd, 1923. The Temple was dedicated on October 23rd, 1927, and the dedicatory services were broadcast over the air.

Branch and District Activities

Birmingham

On May 5th, Saints and Missionaries of Coventry held a Social in Coventry Y.M.C.A. Hall. About 80 members and friends from many parts of the district attended and had a most enjoyable time together.

On May 4th and June 1st, Rugby Saints held their first fireside, showing slides and taking part in small sketches, these meetings were very well attended.

Bristol

Bristol M.I.A. held a Jumble Sale on June 23rd which was financially very successful. The M.I.A. Maids and Scouts distributed type-written requests for articles around the district which, combined with the generous contributions of the members, resulted in many excellent

articles being offered for sale including a bicycle, a push-chair, clothing, and enamel ware.

Sister Pat Perry gave a surprise party for Bristol M.I.A. on June 26th. The party was well attended, and the refreshments were enjoyed by all.

District President Thomas Shilton and Elder Hogan were the guests of honour at a Farewell Social held at Bristol on June 30th. President Shilton's wife had arrived for a short vacation and was able to receive, with her husband, a chromium condiment set, the Branch's farewell gift. Elder Hogan was presented with a chromatic harmonica. Refreshments were prepared and served by the Relief Society, and Sister Shilton, Brother Arthur Jones of Weston, Brother and Sister Fiquers and Sister Pat



Perry participated in an enjoyable programme arranged by Brother Hal Perry.

Hull

Grimsby M.I.A. took a mystery tour by way of Immingham, Barton-on-Humber, Thornton Abbey, Great Limber and Laceby. On the way home L.D.S. songs were sung, and everyone was certainly appreciative of the beautiful Lincolnshire countryside.

On May 21st, the members of York and Scarborough Branches

football match that followed. After these events were over, the group took buses to the nearby seashore where all had an enjoyable time playing on the sands. Most members complained of a little sunburn next day, but all had a wonderful time.

Irish

A "Fathers and Sons" Banquet was held at Belfast on May 26th and conducted by President Alexander Mather. A very hearty meal was prepared by the Relief Society



*Scarborough Branch
Football Team*

vs.



*York Branch
Football Team*

met together for a day's outing. With the weather warm and beautiful, the outing was held on the Eastfield playing grounds just outside Scarborough. Everyone brought their own lunches and various sports were held in which the two Branches competed. Points were awarded for winners in the different events. York gained a bit of an edge over Scarborough in the races but Scarborough got it back plus some to spare in the

and enjoyed by all. Afterwards a Missionary Quartet performed, followed by community singing. A very special tribute has to be paid to Brother Paidavoine and Brother Smyrlie for their excellent performances.

Liverpool

The District Gold and Green Ball was held in the Burnley Chapel on June 3rd. President Herbert Shorrock, District M.I.A. Superin-

tendent decorated the hall, and the Blackburn Relief Society prepared the refreshments. The M.C. was President Albert Pickup of the Burnley Branch who played a big part in making the entertainment successful. The floor was specially prepared for the event by the Priesthood and a private contractor, and now has a lovely polished surface.

Burnley held a Welfare Social on June 9th directed by Welfare Chairman, Brother Thomas D. Eastwood. Part of the evening was spent in dancing to tape recorded music by well-known bands. The admission fee was "tinned goods of a variety" to help raise a stock for the Branch Welfare Programme.

London

The Newchapel Elders of the 5th Quorum enjoyed a juicy, sizzling steak dinner on June 19th in the kitchen of Newchapel House.

On June 26th, Newchapel M.I.A. "palefaces" hiked to the "Rocky Mountains" where games and songs were greatly enjoyed, and "buffalo" weenies and marshmallows were roasted to a golden (?) brown.

Manchester

Wythenshawe Park was the locale for the Inter-District Sports between Manchester and Leeds. After some very commendable efforts Manchester won by ten points. The Leeds Saints' strenuous efforts were rewarded in the Wythenshawe Chapel with refreshments served by the Relief Society under the direction of Sister Clarke, and in the evening a very enjoyable programme was arranged by Brother Harold Crookell.

A Farewell Social at Ashton-Hyde on June 26th proved very successful but the enjoyment was dimmed by the fact that the Branch was losing two very active members—Sister Joyce Carter (former Y.W.M.I.A. District Supervisor) and Brother Briton Beverley. The young couple have sailed for America with the intention of being married in a Utah Temple. Many expressions of affection were shown to the couple in the shape of attractive and useful gifts. On behalf of the District, Sister J. Clarke presented a wooden fruit bowl.

Bury Priesthood are very active indeed, and under the direction of President L. M. Thayne have taken up regular Branch teaching at which even the young Deacons participate. Their work of magnifying their Priesthood has also taken a practical turn. Sister Hutchinson, an aged sister living alone, has recently moved house and the Priesthood came and turned over her garden and laid out her lawn, while the Relief Society, not to be outdone, prepared lunch for the hungry gardeners.

Rochdale held a Barn Dance on June 9th to which everyone came dressed to fit the part. The dancing was interspersed with games and two young sisters, Alice McCuaig and Jacqueline Fountain, danced an Irish jig and a Dutch dance. The Rochdale Branch Hill Billy Band was very much in evidence. Refreshments, under the direction of Brothers Harry Withington and Herbert Woodhead, consisted of bacon and beans, hot dogs with onions, pancakes and rhubarb pie washed down with lemonade. Elder Short acted as

M.C. and Elder Harmon took care of the new record player.

Stockport Branch held a Farewell Social on June 7th in honour of Sister Josephine Whittaker who has emigrated to America.

Wythenshawe has had a very gay June with socials every Saturday. On the 9th the Genealogical Society took over with Brother Alan Crookell as M.C., he invented some very original and amusing games including a fishing game at which everyone paid 3d. and received a prize. At the close of the social a farewell was sung to Sister J. Whittaker.

On June 23rd, the Drama Group put on a couple of plays under the able direction of Sisters P. Bailey and S. Arnoll. The first a comedy "Sanctuary" and the second "Appointment with Fear" with Sister Bates as a very convincing medium. Credit is also due to Sister Jenkinson and Brothers H. and A. Crookell for a very amusing routine "The Waiter, the Porter and the Upstairs Maid".

Newcastle

On May 29th a Pie and Pea Supper was served to members and friends, the proceeds of which were to swell the Branch Budget Fund. Elders Olsen and Kimball, Sister Leonora M. Edwards, and Brother and Sister Milligan provided the entertainment which followed.

The Sunderland annual M.I.A. Outing took place on May 29th when two bus-loads of Saints and friends visited Ripon, Harrogate and Knaresborough. Places of interest were Ripon Cathedral, Harrogate Summer Gardens and Knaresborough Castle.

Congratulations to Sister Valerie Cuthbertson who has been chosen

recently as Head Girl of the Bede Grammar Girls' Secondary School, Sunderland. She is the only Mormon enrolled in the school and has three times taken the scripture prize.

Sister Monique Martin, of Brussels, Belgium, arrived in England on June 25th to spend some weeks here for the purpose of aiding her study of the English language. She is living with Brother and Sister Selkirk, of Newcastle Branch, during her holiday. She was impressed with the friendliness of the British people whom she had expected to find "cold", but she says "They are so different".

Nottingham

A Farewell Social was held to bid farewell to Sister Parsith in the Leicester Chapel. During the evening Sister Parsith was presented with a matching brooch and earrings by Branch President Leslie Sullivan on behalf of the Leicester Branch.

Nottingham Branch held a "Fathers and Sons" Banquet on June 14th. Although the food was prepared by the brethren no cases of indigestion were reported afterwards.

Nottingham now have an all-girl basketball team and would like to know if there are any more such teams in the British Mission. If there are, would they please write to the following address and mark letters "Basketball", 28 Loughborough Road, West Bridgeford, Nottingham.

THE LIGHT

To-day the black clouds parted,
And the splendour of the light
That inspires the strong-hearted
Never to leave the fight

E'en though hope's departed
 Was shown in all its might.
 Such a light as this was shone
 Upon the road of long ago
 When Saul, the proud, rode on,
 Prepared to be the foe
 Forever of the one
 Always loved him so.
 Such a light so surely fell
 In that room austere and bare
 Where the infant Samuel
 Resided in the old priest's care,
 And listened as the Lord did tell
 How the Israelites should fare.
 Such a light upon our Lord

outing to Sherringham Park. The Norwich Saints were met by 24 Saints from the U.S.A.F. Base at Sculthorpe. This Park is different from most as it consists entirely of wooded shrubbery. The Saints wound their way through the shrubbery for about an hour exclaiming surprise and wonder at the beautiful blaze of colour and the fine, delicate textures of these wonderful creations of our Heavenly Father. In a clearing amidst all this beauty overlooking green pastures and the sea with the blue sky

STAR Reporters...

It would be very much appreciated if all names in the *Millennial Star* reports could be printed as we do not wish to embarrass anyone by spelling a name wrongly which sometimes unfortunately happens.

All the way unto the hill
 Reflected on the soldier's sword
 Lighting all around until—
 He died and called the world
 "Father, forgive—forgive them
 still".
 So let the Light upon me shine,
 From heav'nly gate unto the
 ground ;
 In Thy presence let me dine,
 Knowing ever I have found
 The richness of Life Divine,
 Here, as I look around.

VIOLET B. BOFFEY.

Norwich

Colchester Relief Society held a Rummage Sale of Work on June 12th. Thanks to the efforts of Sister Sybil Hearsom, the Relief Society President, and all members the sum of £6 10s. was raised and donated to the Building Fund.

The Norwich Genealogical Society and M.I.A. organised an

above, the Saints filled the air with the song "Come, Come Ye Saints".

Gorleston Saints, who have been with the Lowestoft Branch for some years, have now been blessed with a meeting hall of their own in Gorleston, in consequence, the Lowestoft Branch auxiliaries have been re-organised.

The Peterborough Saints are well pleased with the many improving house and grounds. Most pleasing, perhaps, is the installation of a baptismal font, which has already been used for five baptisms. Two upstairs rooms have been made into one spacious and useful recreation hall.

Regular meetings are now held by the Peterborough Group of the Elders Quorum. As a quorum project, the Elders have six goslings, they are kept in the orchard and

are helpful in keeping down the weeds and grass.

The Branch were sorry to say goodbye to President Douglas Brammer and Sister Elsie Brammer who have left Peterborough and have returned to their native Sheffield to labour. Elder Aaron B. Jeppson is now Branch President.

Scottish

Blantyre was the destination of the Airdrie Branch Sunday School on May 5th who had a very enjoyable day.

A Farewell Social for the Park family was held at Airdrie on May 10th. Branch President Warren made the presentation and was thanked by Brother Park on behalf of his family. Airdrie lost more members on June 13th when President and Sister Warren and family, and Sister M. McLuskie emigrated to California.

Paisley Relief Society held a Jumble Sale on June 9th at which the wonderful sum of £16 10s. was gained in an hour. This was the first time the Sisters had ever taken part in a jumble sale but there was no time to be nervous because of the great number of customers.

A visit to the theatre was given to the Dundee Relief Society by former Lady Missionary, Sister Irene Seal. Two visiting missionaries accompanied the group, Sister Thatch and Sister Walker.

Sister Sheila Thompson was welcomed back to Aberdeen on June 24th after completing her mission.

Births and Blessings

The daughter of Brother and Sister Frank Tennant was blessed by her father in the Birmingham

Chapel on May 20th and given the names of Vicky Diana Tennant.

Brother and Sister David Mason's infant daughter was given a name and a blessing at Cheltenham by District President Shilton on June 10th.

A daughter was born to Sister Irene Green of Cheltenham on February 6th. She was blessed by President Green on March 4th and given the names Rachel Rogers Green.

Dennis Ray Dighton, born on April 11th, was blessed by President W. Roberts at York on June 3rd.

Valerie Ann Flint of York was blessed by President Bruce H. Robinson on June 3rd.

The daughter of Brother Michael McAleer and Sister Ellen Boon McAleer was blessed by her father on May 13th and given the names Sylvia Elizabeth. Brother and Sister McAleer are members of the Preston Branch.

On May 7th the gift of a daughter to Brother and Sister Beverley of the Ashton-Hyde Branch. The baby was blessed by her father on June 10th and given the name Janet.

A daughter was born to Brother and Sister Ray Evans of Bury Branch at the Hope Hospital on June 30th.

Colin Edmund Taylor, son of John Taylor, was blessed at Nottingham on June 3rd by Brother Taylor.

The infant son of Brother and Mrs. Patrick G. Fleming was blessed by his father and given the name Fergus at the Norwich Chapel on June 3rd.

The infant daughter of Brother and Sister Earl John Slater, Jr.,

was blessed under the hand of President Bert W. Martins at Norwich on June 3rd and given the names of Dawn Marie.

Thomas Skene, infant son of Brother and Sister Thomas Skene, was blessed by Elder Ballantyne at Aberdeen on June 3rd.

Death

Sister Annie Leckenby of Nottingham died on June 3rd, aged 71 years.

Engagements

It has become an understood fact that Cupid has taken the Belfast Branch as his abode for yet another engagement has been announced, that of Sister Rita Grey and Brother Tommy Mathers.

The engagement is announced of Brother Larry Heap of the U.S. Air Force and Sister Ena Jones of Liverpool.

Ordinations in the Priesthood

To the Office of Deacon

Brother Malcolm King of Grimsby under the hand of Brother Arthur R. Jenner.

Brother Reginald Gaunt of Grimsby under the hand of President Bruce H. Robinson.

Brother John Edward Jones of Colchester under the hand of President Ronald Hearsom on April 15th.

Brother Harry Harvey under the hand of President William H. Daniels of Lowestoft.

To the Office of Teacher

Brothers John Steele and Keith Andrews of Colchester on February 19th, under the hands of Elder Larry K. Juchau and President Ronald Hearsom respectively.

Brother Brian A. Watling of Colchester on April 15th under the hand of Elder Ralston J. Hogge.

Brother Terence H. Parker under the hand of Elder Thomas Boar at Lowestoft.

To the Office of Priest

Brothers John Steele and Keith Andrews of Colchester by the hands of Brother Richard Olsen and Elder Larry K. Juchau respectively on April 15th.

Brother Leonard Edgar Arnold of Bury under the hand of Elder Lloyd M. Thayne on June 3rd.

The following M.I.A. Awards have recently been won in the British Mission:

Mia Rose Award by Geneva Bates of South London.

Golden Gleaner by Rose Lily Adkin of Newchapel and Muriel Olive Cuthbert of Nottingham.

Special Interest Award by Maud Ada Hawkes of North London.

A middle-aged brother, a church member in Lausanne, Switzerland, is interested in corresponding with a sister in the British Mission, who may be interested in marriage. He is a worthy member and his desires are honourable. His address is: Ferdinand Abinden, Chimandi Primrose 36, Lausanne, Switzerland.

Those having completed the British Mission Public Speaking and Teaching Course.

David Porch	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Archibald Reid Richardson	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
William Proctor	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Alexander Fotheringham Richardson	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Mary Porch	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Isabella Jane Kelly	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Jeannie Finlay Walker	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Matilda Manson	Glasgow	Scottish	June 26th, 1956
Helen B. Kewley	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Lily Adkin	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Rose Adkin	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Gladys Adkin	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Joan Cunningham	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Rhona Cunningham	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
James R. Cunningham	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Kathleen Cunningham	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Bernard Mount	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
James Thompson	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Sally Palmer	Newchapel	London	July 6th, 1956
Joseph Darling	South London	London	July 6th, 1956

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES

ARRIVALS :

June 26th, 1956

Elder Alma Legrande Carpenter
Elder Donald Wilson
Elder Larry Turley Wimmer
Elder Kenneth Lloyd Young

From

Evanston, Wyoming
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada
 Saford, Arizona
 Pingree, Idaho

Assigned to

Irish
 Birmingham
 Manchester
 Liverpool

TRANSFERS :

Sister Ida Merle Nielsen
Sister Anna Belle Sanders
Elder Darrel J. Burns
Elder Bruce L. Barrett
Elder E. Fritz Boyer
Elder Ronald J. Clark
Elder Reynold G. Hair
Elder Merrill D. Hone
Elder Merlin Kitchen
Elder Robert A. Madsen
Elder Wallace K. Penrose
Elder Bayard M. Taylor
Sister Anna Belle Sanders

From

London Office
 Scotland
 Manchester
 Birmingham
 Nottingham
 Newcastle
 London
 London
 Bristol
 Sheffield
 Hull
 Manchester
 Liverpool
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Elder William Jonathan Cleaveland*From*
Moab, Utah*Served in*
Newcastle, Birmingham, Scottish and
Norwich Districts (medical release)**Elder John Bulloch**

Salt Lake City, Utah

Liverpool and Leeds Districts
(medical release)**Sister Winifred May Bulloch**

Salt Lake City, Utah

Liverpool and Leeds Districts
(medical release)**ELDER
JOHN BULLOCH****ELDER WILLIAM
JONATHAN CLEAVELAND****SISTER WINIFRED
MAY BULLOCH****BAPTISMS :****Birmingham District**Jeffrey Robert Such of Birmingham
Linda Ssan Mawle of Birmingham
John Tennant of Birmingham
Kathleen Blacklaw of Rugby
Barry Lynn Blacklaw of Rugby
Alistair Blacklaw of Rugby
Margaret Jenkins of RugbyArthur Walker of Sunderland
Manreen Barbara John of West Hartlepool
George Stephenson of South Shields
Joan Pattison Stephenson of South Shields
Robert Henry Tyson of Newcastle**Bristol District**Rodney John Mintram of Southampton
William Frank Pretty of Southampton**Norwich District**Mary Sandra Gnscott of Peterborough
Manita Anne Williams of Peterborough**Hull District**

Nancy Watson Lamb of York

Nottingham DistrictRaymond J. Allen of Derby
Ada Harrison of Derby
Marjorie Holland of Mansfield
Veronica Joy Slack of Mansfield
Daine Elizabeth Slack of Mansfield
John Slack of Mansfield
Roger Anthony Slack of Mansfield
James Ronald Sherlock of Derby
Ralph Stanley Gardner, II, of Nottingham
Darrell Woodhead of Nottingham**Irish District**Herbert William Brookes of Bangor
Harold Huddleston of Bangor
Mary Jones of Bangor
Clara Sinclair of Bangor
Mary Elizabeth Brookes of Bangor
Mary Alexina Miller of Bangor
Stewart Thomas Millar of Belfast
Patricia Joan Cochrane of Belfast
Frank Hillis of Belfast
Robert Devenney of Belfast
Deborah Louise Dagwell of Belfast
Hugh Charles William Dagwell of Belfast
Deborah Dagwell of Belfast**Scottish District**Margaret Murray Wilkinson of Glasgow
James Thomson Watson of Glasgow
Sadie Bryce of Glasgow
James A. W. Bryce of Glasgow
William Adair of Glasgow
Elizabeth Alexandra Rudd of Paisley
Angela Dorothy Rudd of Paisley
Crawford James Watt of Paisley
Agnes McLeod Chapman of Paisley
Arthur Gordon Chapman of Paisley**Liverpool District**Susan Hilary Watson of Southport
Paul Hadyng Watson of Southport
Winifred Watson of Southport
Peter Haydn Newton Watson of Southport**Sheffield District**Enid Mary Broome of Doncaster
John Desmond Broome of Doncaster
Walter Litchfield of Doncaster
May Litchfield of Doncaster
William Herbert Taylor of Barnsley
Jean Hughes of Cardiff**London District**Doreen Phyllis Hamilton of Catford
Margaret Ann Scrivener of South London
Barbara Mary Ann Wadley, of South London
Margaret Gladys Henderson of St. Albans**Welsh District**Anita Catherine Harrison of Cardiff
Richard David Harrison of Cardiff
David Bevan Clarke of Cardiff
Joyce Emma Clarke of Cardiff
William Hughes of Cardiff
Peter Hughes of Cardiff
Geraldine Elizabeth Davies of Cardiff**Manchester District**Ethel Finnegan of Oldham
Geoffrey Teale of Rochdale
Jean Teale of Rochdale
John Hargreaves of Wythenshawe
Brian Lomas of Ashton-Hyde**Newcastle District**Doris Ridd of South Shields
Francis Edward Watson, Jr., of South Shields

The very beautiful Temple in Salt Lake City is perhaps the most famous in the Church, and the L.D.S. people the world over are identified with this edifice. It was built during the period of poverty of the Saints in Salt Lake, and took forty years to build. Brigham Young foresaw the Temple, for, on April 6th, 1853, he said :

“I scarcely ever say much about revelations, or visions, but suffice it to say, five years ago last July I was here and saw in the spirit the Temple not ten feet from where we have laid the chief cornerstone. I have not inquired what kind of a Temple we shall build. Why? Because it was represented before me. I never looked upon that ground, but the vision of it was there. I see it as plainly as if it was in reality before me. Wait until it is done. I will say, however, that it will have six towers instead of one.”

Later, President Young said this about the Temple :

“I want this temple that we are now building to the name of our God to stand for all time to come as a monument of the industry, faithfulness, faith, and integrity of the Latter-day Saints who were driven into the mountains. I want to see the temple finished as soon as it is reasonable and practicable.”

And, one of the most stirring remarks President Young ever made :

“It is for us to do those things which the Lord required at our hands, and leave the result with Him. It is for us to labour with a cheerful good will; and if we build a temple that is worth a million of money, and it requires all our time and means, we should leave it with cheerful hearts, if the Lord in His providence tells us so to do. If the Lord permits our enemies to drive us from it, why, we should abandon it with as much cheerfulness of heart as we ever enjoy a blessing. It is no matter to us what the Lord does, or how He disposes of the labour of His servant, but when He commands, it is for His people to obey. We should be as cheerful in building this temple, if we knew beforehand that we should never enter into it when it was finished, as we would though we knew we were to live here a thousand years to enjoy it.”

The Temple was dedicated during the administration of President Wilford Woodruff, on April 6th, 1893.



